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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-332 and 334-407 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-332, 334-407 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Status

Claims 1-332 and 334-407 are presented for examination.

This office action is in reply to applicant's request on 12/06/2004 to re-open the Election/Restrictions of instant application, since claims 21-54 and 131-164 are not classified in the previous office action on record.

Claim Objections

Claims 334-407 are objected to because of the following informalities:

As to claims 334-407, these claims need to be renumbered, because claim 333 is missing.

Appropriate correction is required.

Because the incorrect claim sequence of instant application, the following claim restriction is based on the original sequence of the claim.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

1. Claims 1-54 and 111-164, drawn to component based software project management, classified in class 717, subclass 107.

2. Claims 55-87 and 165-197, drawn to business processing using cryptography, classified in class 705, subclass 50.
3. Claims 88 and 198, drawn to task management or control, classified in class 718, subclass 100.
4. Claims 89-110 and 199-220, drawn to business processing including user identification provision, class 705, subclass 18.
5. Claims 221-256, drawn to on-screen workspace or objects, class 345, subclass 764.
6. Claims 257-310, drawn to computer network managing or monitoring, class 709, subclass 224.
7. Claims 311-332 and 334-363, drawn to multi-computer data access regulating, class 709, subclass 225.
8. Claims 364-397, drawn to client/server processing, class 709, subclass 203.
9. Claims 398-407, drawn to demand based messaging, class 709, subclass 206.

The inventions 1-9 are related as sub-combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The sub-combinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable.

In the instant case, invention 1 (component based software project management) has separate utility such as managing enterprise software based on components. Invention 2 (business processing using cryptography) has separate utility such as using cryptography data to process business. Invention 3 (task management or control) has separate utility such as using business-workflow service orchestrates execution of each function call. Invention 4 (business processing including user identification provision) has separate utility such as conducting business processing via user identification provision. Invention 5 (on-screen workspace or objects) has separate utility such as display on-screen workspace or objects. Invention 6 (computer network managing or monitoring) has separate utility such as monitoring and managing computer network data. Invention 7 (multi-computer data access regulating) has separate utility such as regulates multi-computer data access. Invention 8 (client/server processing) has separate utility such as processes data between client and server. Invention 9 (demand based messaging) has separate utility such as processes demand via message bus.

Because these inventions are distinct and search groups 1-9 are not required to be simultaneous and will create serious workload for the examiner, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim

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remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

Applicant is reminded that the reply to this restriction election to be completed must include an election of the invention to be examined within one month from the mailing date of this office action, even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Y Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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